

25. A method as in claim 21 which includes comparing the object structures to the pre-stored contents of a selected archive and adding only non-redundant object structures to the archive and establishing at least one added link to a pre-stored object structure in the event of a detected redundancy wherein the contents of the archive are substantially non-redundant.

5           26. A method as in claim 21 which includes compiling at least one output document into a predetermined output formal from a plurality of archived object structures.

10           27. A method as in claim 20 which includes editing a plurality of layers, substantially simultaneously, by altering a single object structure, common to all of the layers.

28. A method as in claim 25 which includes editing a plurality of documents, substantially simultaneously, by altering a single object structure common to all of the documents.